

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

These sessions take place throughout the year. The next preparation session will be in **May (date tbc)**. Please contact the office for details and to book.

### RECONCILIATION

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we encounter God's love for us through the gift of forgiveness, pardon and peace. This sacrament is regularly available in church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays during Adoration (please see Masses Timetable).

Children are introduced to **Reconciliation** during the year in which they make their first Holy Communion and are then invited to celebrate this sacrament of God's healing.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Applications are now closed for the 2025-26 programmes.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

|              |                |  |
|--------------|----------------|--|
| Sat 25 Apr   | 9.30           | St Mark, Evangelist (Feast)<br>MASS  |
|              | 10.00          | ADORATION & RECONCILIATION   |
|              | 16.45<br>18.00 | ITALIAN MASS<br>MASS<br>Rosemary Wong RIP (Birthday)                                 |
| Sun 26 Apr   | 9.15           | Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter<br>MASS<br>Eileen Mulqueen RIP (Anniversary) |
|              | 11.15          | MASS<br>Parishioners   |
| Mon 27 Apr   | 9.30           | MASS   |
| Tues 28 Apr  | 18.30<br>19.30 | ADORATION & RECONCILIATION<br>MASS   |
| Wed 29 Apr   | 9.30           | St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor, Patron of Europe (Feast)<br>MASS              |
|              | 10.00          | ROSARY, ADORATION & RECONCILIATION   |
| Thurs 30 Apr | NO MASS        | NO MASS  |
| Fri 01 May   | 9.30           | MASS   |
|              | 10.00          | DIVINE MERCY   |
| Sat 02 May   | 9.30           | St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor ( Memorial)<br>MASS                                    |
|              | 10.00          | ADORATION & RECONCILIATION   |
|              | 16.45<br>18.00 | ITALIAN MASS<br>MASS<br>Louise McKiernan RIP (Anniversary)                           |
| Sun 03 May   | 9.15           | Fifth Sunday of Easter<br>MASS<br>Parishioners                                       |
|              | 11.15          | MASS   |
|              | 13.00          | POLISH MASS  |



## ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

25 - 26 APRIL 2026

### THIS SUNDAY - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Dear brothers and sisters,  
On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the Gospel (John 10:1-10) reminds us that Christ knows each one of us and calls us by name. We are not just part of a crowd; each person is known and loved by the Lord. There are many voices around us, and not all of them lead us in the right direction. The voice of the Good Shepherd is different—steady, trustworthy, and full of care. Learning to recognise that voice is part of our life of faith, and it grows through prayer, through the Scriptures, and through a faithful daily walk with the Lord. Jesus also says, "I am the gate." Through him, we find safety and the kind of freedom that leads to life in all its fullness. This Sunday is also a particular time to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Church needs men who are willing to hear the Lord's call and to serve his people with generosity. Some may already be sensing that call, even if only quietly. Please keep vocations in your prayers this week—especially for those who are discerning, and for the courage to respond with trust. May we all grow in listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd, and in following where he leads.

With prayers and every blessing, Fr Ruslan and the CPC

### POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Every month, the Pope entrusts his prayer network with prayer intentions that reflect his deep concerns for humanity and the mission of the Church. His monthly prayer intention serves a global call to transform our prayers into "concrete actions" and as a transformation of the heart. He often focusses on peace; his specific **prayer intention for April is for priests in crisis**: "Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer."

### POPE FRANCIS' ANNIVERSARY

One year ago, on 21 April 2025, Easter Monday the Pope from the peripheries died, barely able to raise his hands, he gave his blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world). Following in the footsteps of his predecessors, Pope Francis was an untiring voice for peace, urging an end to armed conflict, supporting dialogue and encouraging reconciliation.

### SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection this weekend will fittingly be for the World Day of Prayer for Vocation of Future Priests. The money collected will go towards the education of our seminarians in the UK.

Please continue to keep **Deacon Joseph** in your prayers.



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**ACCOUNT NO** 01126393

### DONATIONS PAYABLE

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ON THAMES.

You can also donate in church using the DONA device. Please use Gift Aid if you can. Thank you for all your help and financial contributions!

## DEAR PARISHIONERS

This section of our newsletter is for those in need of our prayers, whether sick, housebound or just in need of extra prayer. If you would like your name or someone you know to be added to the list, please let the office know. If you are submitting on behalf of someone else, please seek their permission first. If you are sick or unwell and would like Fr Ruslan to know but not have your name in the newsletter, just let us know.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS

Aman Allos, Tom Asbury, Teresa Azouz, Baby Elm, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, Jimmy Connaughtoin, Pat Couchman, Thérèse Crumpler, James De Leons-Hopkins, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Julia Donaldson, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Michael and Cathy Flynn, Carole Frost, Carmen Galanty, Sophie Giannini, Franky Goes, Gloria Gowen, Ann Griffin, the Hansford family, Michael Johnson, Karen Lane, John Lydon, Rita McGloin, Oscar Menezes, Christian Misuraca, Sarah Mitchell, Maureen Moriarty, Colleen Murphy, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Fr Sebastian Paul, Ben Piltsher, Shirley Rhodhes, Deborah Russell, Evie Sagun, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, Angela Widdup, Dina Yates.

## HOME VISITS

Fr Ruslan would like to meet parishioners who are too poorly to come to church at different times throughout the year in their homes. Do reach out to Susana in the office, Ann Meehan or Fr Ruslan so we can schedule visits.

## PRAYER FOR MONTH OF MAY

As we approach the month of May, we are invited to turn to Our Mother Mary. During May, the Rosary will be prayed after each weekday Mass and on Tuesdays, during Adoration. For those who are unable to join in person, the Rosary will also be prayed on Thursday evenings via Zoom—please contact the parish office for details.

## ENGLISH/ITALIAN MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

A joint English-Italian Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 30 May at 5.30 pm. The Italian community will bring the statue of La Madonna dei Miracoli (Our Lady of Miracles) from the chapel in Woking. This is a special opportunity to bring our two communities together in prayer and fellowship. All are warmly invited. Refreshments (tea, coffee and water) will follow in the church hall. Volunteers are also welcome to assist with refreshments and to contribute cakes, biscuits etc.

## ANNUAL PLANT AND JAM SALE

Want some vegetables/herbs for your garden, allotment or window sill? And some delicious home-made jam with fruit from local allotments? Come along on **17 May** before and after the Mass at 10am to make your purchases or donate any plants you have grown or jam you have made. Funds raised will go to CAFOD and church maintenance.

## VOICE TRAINING SESSION

**Enjoy singing** and want to learn some new techniques and tips? **This Thursday 30 April** Laetitia Allen, opera singer, is generously giving her time from 19:30 to 20:30 in church to coach us. All are welcome.

## BABY AND TODDLERS PLAY GROUP

**Upcoming dates:** 8, 15, 22 May. We meet from 10-11.30 in the church hall. Come along for some fun for your baby/toddler, and meet with other parents/ grandparents. Tea, coffee, chats - and of course bubbles - all provided!

## ST ERCONWALDS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION AND RAFFLE

We joyfully invite you to join us for our Feast Day Mass **at 10am on 17 May** (sign up in the porch). After Mass, please stay and celebrate with us over tea, coffee, cakes and a raffle. We are looking for **raffle prize donations** of bottles, chocolates/sweets, gifts etc for grown ups. Please contact the office.

Our **nine-day novena** will be prayed during the daily 9:30am Mass from 8-16 May. We warmly welcome everyone to share in this special time of prayer, hope, and togetherness. A nine-day novena is a Catholic tradition involving nine consecutive days of prayers to ask for our special intercessions, graces and to prepare for our feast day.

## CAMINO PARISH PILGRIMAGE - JUNE

Are you walking the Camino in June or would you simply like to join a small group for a walk and a chat? We walk at various times during the week/at the weekend. Contact Lucy Jardine on 07740-461785 for details of where to meet each week.

## PILGRIMAGE FUNDRAISER

Please donate to Fr Ruslan and the pilgrims who will walk the 100km, all donations will help redecorate and refurbish the church [https://www.justgiving.com/page/stercscamino26?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/stercscamino26?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

## CLEANING SERVICES AVAILABLE

A reliable and experienced Ukrainian cleaner with 2 years' experience is offering domestic cleaning services. Careful, thorough, and trustworthy service guaranteed. If you or someone you know could benefit from help with cleaning, please feel free to get in touch: Oksana, 07886 823203.

## OTHER/DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

### CONFIDENT PARENTING IN A WORLD OF SCREENS

**The Celebrate Trust** is excited to announce tickets for the first of our two new webinars for parents and carers of teenagers. The first webinar is on **Wednesday 29 April, 8pm**. Kate Duroux, from Care for the Family, will help us consider how we can best support our teenagers through the challenges of the digital world, and offer practical advice and principles to apply in our own unique families. Book here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/celebratetrust/2129752>

### MASS FOR WORLD PEACE

People across our community of faith are invited to join Worthing Deanery Justice & Peace Group and pray for peace in our world on **Friday 29 May at 6.30pm**, English Martyrs Catholic Church, Goring-by-Sea, BN12 4UH. The Mass, celebrated by Fr Liam O'Connor, will offer an opportunity to pray for all those impacted by war, and for healing. All are welcome.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUNG ADULT RETREAT DAYS

Are you interested in being a small group leader, refreshment maker or prayer minister at our diocesan Young Adult retreats? We're looking to run retreat days for those aged 18-35. Each will be a day of Faith, Fellowship, Formation and Food! But **we need your help**. If you're aged 18+ and interested in supporting these events, please email our Youth Project Officer, Bex Driver: [bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk)

### CORPUS CHRISTI EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS

**Wednesday 3 June 2026** 7pm-9pm at Arundel Cathedral  
You are invited to an evening for young adults (aged 18-35) to gather as part of the Arundel & Brighton Corpus Christi & carpet of flowers diocesan event. There will be praise and worship music, a holy hour with time for Adoration and personal prayer, and a talk on the history of the carpet of flowers at the Cathedral. It'll be followed by a pub and pizza social. If you've any questions, please contact Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer: [bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk). **Sign up: Young Adults' Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers event**

### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING

**Saturday 9 May 2026**, 10-3pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley - Tickets are just £40 per delegate. To register visit [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events).

## COMMUNICATIONS

Please send any newsletter/website/porch/social media items or any amendments to: [comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com](mailto:comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com) by Thursday at 2pm for inclusion/uploading as appropriate. All feedback is welcome.

## SAFEGUARDING

If you wish to work with children or vulnerable adults in our parish please contact Tina O'Kelly, our Safeguarding Rep for volunteers: [tina@okellynet.com](mailto:tina@okellynet.com). See our website for further details.

## VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are such a huge part of our parish and we would love to welcome anyone who wishes to get involved as we grow together as a faith community and reach out to those around us. See here for details: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/get-involved.html>

## YOUR OFFERINGS

### PLATE COLLECTIONS FOR

**MARCH: £1410.63**

### STANDING ORDERS FOR

**MARCH: £5310.67**

## THANK YOU!

## SAVE THE DATES!

**17 MAY:** ST ERCONWALD'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION  
**17 MAY:** ANNUAL PLANT AND JAM SALE  
**2 MAY:** CONFIRMATION  
**9 MAY:** FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
**16 MAY:** FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
**23 MAY:** FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
**30 MAY:** ITALIAN & ENGLISH JOINT MASS